PRESIDENT: Motion carried. LB 254A is advanced. LB 207 has been removed from the docket. We will skip over LB 17 without objection because the Senator is absent. LB 451. Senator Newell, are you available somewhere? The Legislature will be at ease until we find Senator Newell.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 451 (read title). The bill was read on January 18th of this year. It was referred to the Urban Affairs Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are amendments to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell. The Chair recognizes Senator Newell for the committee amendments.

SENATCR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments to 451, 451 is authorization of a constitutional amendment that was passed last year. It deals with financing by local governments. The key here is local governments, it is different than 626. It limits how you would finance, who would finance, which local governments would finance by eliminating municipalities, or not municipalities, but townships and also outside of the counties it limits it to cities of metropolitan, primary, first class, second class. I think that is all it does in terms of the committee amendments. I move the committee amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the committee amendments to LB 451. Is there further discussion? If not, all those in favor of the committee amendments please vote aye. Opposed vote no. We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 451. Would you please record your vote? We are voting on the committee amendments to LB 451. May we have your cooperation for the motion on adopting the committee amendments. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 may, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 451 is legislation that would authorize, that would, in fact, follow the constitutional amendment that was passed last year by the voters. The proposal itself was discussed last year prior to being put on the ballot. It is a financing mechanism limited to blighted areas only. The constitutional amendment specifically authorizes this kind of